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FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO AND AMBASSADOR LODGE FROM SARROS

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1. "FOREIGN MINISTER" CASAROLI TELEPHONED LABOR DAY TO SAY THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE FULLER REPLY TO OUR AUGUST 27 INITIATIVE FOLLOWING DEBRIEFING OF PAPAL NUNCIO WHO, NOW THAT SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT AMELIORATED, IS RETURNING TO ROME FROM LISBON THIS WEEK.
2. DURING SAME CONVERSATION, CASAROLI STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP STUDIOUSLY AND, IN EXPRESSING HOPE FOR SUCCESS, ALSO ASKED THAT AMBASSADOR LODGE BRIEF HIM ON THE MODALITIES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS DURING AMBASSADOR'S TRIP TO ROME NEXT WEEK.
3. SINCE AMBASSADOR LODGE IS PLANNING TO BE IN ROME SEP 11-20, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE SUITABLE TALKING POINTS RE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS FOR USE BY AMBASSADOR IN MEETING WITH CASAROLI. AS YOU SUGGESTED REF B, ANY SPECIFIC FOLLOW-UP TO OUR PORTUGAL INITIATIVE SHOULD BE CONTINGENT ON CASAROLI'S REPLY. AMBASSADOR LODGE, HOWEVER, COULD DRAW ON POINTS INCLUDED IN REF B DURING HIS PLANNED MEETINGS

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